

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 108
By Henry

A RESOLUTION to honor Mrs. Julie McCown for her service to
the General Assembly as Legislative Librarian.

WHEREAS, it is right and fitting that the members of this legislative body pause to honor
our employees when they begin a new chapter in their lives; and

WHEREAS, Julia Margaret Johnson McCown, better known as “Julie McCown” and “The
Librarian”, our longtime friend and employee, has recently retired from service as legislative
librarian; and

WHEREAS, Julie McCown, a native of the fair city of Nashville, began employment as
Legislative Librarian for the Tennessee General Assembly in the Office of the Legislative
Council Committee on the ground floor of the State Capitol on August 7, 1967; and

WHEREAS, she brought with her a full complement of impressive library skills and
personal diligence, enthusiasm and perseverance, which contributed greatly to the steady
improvement of the library over the next 29 years, despite the inconvenience of agency
reorganization and physical relocation; and

WHEREAS, her professionalism and skill was assiduously applied in responding to
requests from members and staff for information and documents which she supplied from the
legislative library, from other libraries on inter-library loan, from other states and other levels of
government; and

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WHEREAS, her research and assistance contributed materially to the ability of the General Assembly to carry out its constitutional mandates in an efficient and effective manner; and

WHEREAS, her cheerful assistance to and sagacious counseling of generations of legislative interns started many bright and imaginative young people on the road to productive careers; and

WHEREAS, in June of 1996, Julie McCown made a decision to end her career as Legislative Librarian with the Office of Legal Services, a successor agency to the Legislative Council Committee, after almost three decades of dedicated and faithful service to the members of the General Assembly and to the citizens of this state; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pause to recognize such diligent and faithful service; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we recognize the contribution to the General Assembly of the exemplary years of service of Mrs. Julie McCown and thank her for her contribution to the effectiveness of the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we extend our best wishes to Mrs. McCown for a happy and rewarding retirement and for every success in her future endeavors.